

Remarks/Arguments:

Amendments

Claims 1, 3, and 5-8 have been cancelled. Claims 2 and 4 have been amended to respond to the Examiner's Objections to Informalities. Claim 4 has also been amended to correct an obvious clerical error. Support for these amendments may be found at the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 2, presented in the preliminary amendment submitted on May 5, 2005. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Objections to Informalities

The examiner has objected to claims 1-8 and stated that all variables should have defined limits or inequalities. Claims 1, 3, and 5-8 have been cancelled. Claims 2 and 4 have been amended to clarify the defined limits or inequalities. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is introduced by these amendments and that the Examiner's objection has been overcome.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Fukuta et al. (US PUB 2003/0173542). The rejection is moot because claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, the Examiner both allowed claims 4 and 8 (pages 4, 5), and rejected claims 4 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Fukuta et al. (US PUB 2003/0173542) in view of Rao (US 6,004,481) (pages 3-4). It is respectfully submitted, however, that the Examiner intended to reject claims 3 and 7, and inadvertently rejected claims 4 and 8.

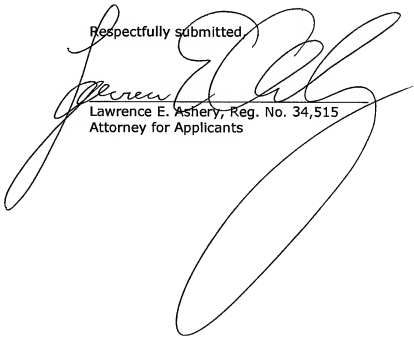
The rejection of claims 3 and 7 is moot because claims 3 and 7 have been cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that claim 4 is patentable over the art of record. Claim 8 has been cancelled to eliminate redundancy with claim 4.

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In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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